



April 6, 2017

Ms. Kris Monteith
Acting Wireline Competition Bureau Chief
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Protecting and Promoting The Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 14-28, *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92

Dear Ms. Monteith:

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") *Open Internet Order*,¹ National Telephone of Alabama, Inc., DBA: TEC ("National" or the "Company"), Study Area Code 250286, hereby notifies the Wireline Competition Bureau ("WCB" or "Bureau") of its intention to cease offering its DSL and Consumer Broadband-Only Loop ("CBOL") broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service effective July 1, 2017. As such, the transmission component will not be provided as a separate regulated service and will only be provided as part of the complete broadband Internet access service that the Company offers to end user customers within its Alabama serving area, either through the Company or through an affiliated company.

National Telephone of Alabama, Inc., DBA: TEC currently provides broadband Internet transmission service as a tariffed offering pursuant to NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. The only customer for the Company's broadband Internet transmission service is the Company's affiliate nonregulated ISP. Notice to the affiliate ISP was provided this date by interoffice memorandum that the Company will discontinue the offering of broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service effective July 1, 2017.

¹ *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 14-28, Report and Order on Remand, Declaratory Ruling and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 5601, ¶ 460 and n. 1378 (2015).



The Commission made clear in the *Rate-of-Return Connect America Fund Order*,² as well as the *Clarification Order*,³ that a rate-of-return carrier could make the retail offering described in the foregoing first paragraph, and thus the revenues associated with the broadband Internet access transmission would no longer be subject to the federal universal service assessment pursuant to FCC Form 499-A.

This letter serves as 60 day notice with the effective date of July, 1 2017 unless withdrawn or extended prior to that time.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions,

Sincerely,

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James Garner

Vice President of Operations

National Telephone of Alabama, Inc., DBA: TEC

cc: Pamela Arluk, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau Pricing Policy Division
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense
Robert J. Bentley, Governor State of Alabama
Walter Thomas, Alabama Public Service Commission, Secretary
National Exchange Carrier Association

² *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Report and Order, Order and Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-33, ¶ 194, n. 428 (rel. Mar. 30, 2016).

³ *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Order DA 16-661, ¶ 25 (WCB, rel. June 15, 2016) (citing the *Open Internet Order*).



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service was served this 6th day of April, 2017 by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons:

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Walter Thomas
Secretary
Alabama Public Service Commission
100 North Union
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Robert J. Bentley
Governor - Alabama
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36130

National Exchange Carrier Association
80 South Jefferson Road
Whipping, NJ 07981

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James Garner
Vice President of Operations
National Telephone of Alabama, Inc., DBA: TEC



April 6, 2017

**Notice of Discontinuance of Offering DSL and Consumer Broadband-
Only Loop Transmission Services**
Effective July 1, 2017

This is an informational notice required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to the company Internet Service Provider (ISP). National Telephone of Alabama, Inc., DBA: TEC ("Company") is required to notify you of its intent to discontinue providing DSL and Consumer Broadband-Only Loop ("CBOL") transmission service. This notice fulfills that requirement. See also the attached notices filed with the FCC May 1, 2017.

Beginning July 1, 2017, the Company will discontinue the offering of DSL and CBOL broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service and will only be provided as part of the complete broadband Internet access service that the Company offers to end user customers within its Alabama serving area.

Sincerely,

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